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Applicants: Gregel et al.

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Dear Sir:

Further and favorable consideration of the above application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments presented in the following listing of claims, and in view of the following remarks.

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In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of rejections is respectfully requested, in which case the application would be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge \$86.00 to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP329USA) for the presentation of an additional independent claim. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP329USA).

Respectfully submitted,
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